



State of New Hampshire  
*State Government Energy Committee*

Committee Meeting Notes  
Monday, July 11, 2016



**Attendees:** Amanda Merrill, Tom Burack, Karen Rantamaki, Chris Moore, Chris Skoglund, Becky Ohler, Tara Merrifield, Mike Connor, Deandra Perruccio, Richard Fink, Seth Prescott,

1. Annual State Energy Conference
  - a. 2016 Event Review
    - i. Executive order [2016-3](#) was released by Governor Hassan
    - ii. Used new formats and structure for some of the conference sessions
    - iii. Increased vendor space and number of alternative fuel vehicles
    - iv. Feedback
      1. Liked having vehicles in building with attendees
      2. Liked the energy coordinator meeting at the end-created community and space for targeted discussions
      3. Energy celebrity talks-every celebrity ran their small discussion group differently
  - b. Plan for the Future
    - i. Have conference? Move to two years? Keep as is?
      1. Consensus was reached by the group that the annual conference is an important opportunity to move a core group forward, energize them around energy work, and have conversations that would not occur in any other venue
      2. Measure of success for conference needs to be moving people along in reaching the energy goals set by the state rather than attendance numbers
      3. Decision reached to continue providing an annual conference, with a suggestion to refocus on moving energy coordinators forward around specific goals and targets from mandate with measures clarified by SGEC
    - ii. Funding is an issue for next year conference- OEP usually budgets for lunch, may not be in current FY 2017 budget
    - iii. Attendance dwindled during the day, maybe cut to 1/2 day or 2/3 day or look at selecting location with all sessions in one building (vendor attendance could be an issue if only 1/2day)
    - iv. Take notes for energy celebrity talks to enhance two-way benefit for leaders and provide notes for attendees, and have only four “celebrities”
2. SGEC FY2017 Work Plan – Karen Rantamaki, DAS & Chris Skoglund, NHDES
  - a. Summary of Executive Order [2016-3](#)
    - i. Five pages, provides level of detail and clarification that allows the group to set specific working goals around mandates and to reduce aggregate fossil fuel use across state owned facilities against a 2005 baseline by 30% by 2020, 40% by 2025 and 50% by 2030 as well as reduce the green-house gas emissions from the state passenger vehicle fleet by 30% compared to a 2010 baseline by 2020.

- b. Review of Draft Work Plan
  - i. Measures and tracking: what measures are we tracking, what data sets are we using, what needs to be added and how does the data need to be analyzed to track the “big picture” numbers and manage ourselves in a comprehensive way?
    - 1. Where is the use, where will it be, how can we offset it?
  - ii. There is energy use that is currently beyond the scope of the executive order, can we create a master list of issues/energy use for the state that is inclusive of these other topics?
    - 1. How do we capture those energy use issues not addressed by the executive order?
    - 2. EG. Energy use increasing at state parks to meet camper demand
- 3. Discussion of Future SGEC Meetings – Tom Burack, NHDES
  - a. Full SGEC – Quarterly policy and performance review
    - i. Clear direction provided by EO allows shift in function and operation of SGEC group
    - ii. Agreement SGEC will transition to the role of strategic planning, and policy advisement. Will provide work-plan review and direction to staff working to address the goals under the responsibility of the group.
  - b. State Energy Staff – Work sessions during intervening months
    - i. Any working groups associated with the SGEC goals and priorities will maintain compliance with 91A
    - ii. As ad-hoc staff level working groups associated with SGEC goals take on new items we need to be sure to include all agencies; keep agencies aware of opportunities to be involved.
  - c. Discussion about formalizing membership
    - i. Staff will work with SGEC leadership to identify membership from state agencies; select appropriate formal group size and make-up informed by the executive order as well as agency energy use and significant opportunity for energy management.
    - ii. Executive Order is calling for increased involvement by major energy players in state government.
    - iii. Develop membership structure which allows for full 91A compliance while also allowing staff-level productivity and efficiency in moving work plan forward.
    - iv. OEP will take responsibility for assuring compliance with 91A.
- 4. Updates – *As needed*
  - a. State Energy Manager – Karen Rantamaki, DAS
    - i. Database training on Wednesday 7/13- for energy coordinators and staff working with energy database
    - ii. Conservation plans for agencies due October 15<sup>th</sup> with drafts due by Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> for review
    - iii. Beginning to gather FY 2016 data for annual report; if agencies have holds etc. please let DAS know
  - b. State Fleet Manager – Tara Merrifield, DAS
    - i. Upcoming mpg standard needs input from SGEC by October.
    - ii. Working on social cost of carbon figure and justification

- iii. Cost of ownership calculator for EV, conventional vehicle comparison
      - 1. Discussion of EV uptake, infrastructure needs
        - a. Wex fuel card allows users of EV charger stations to be billed directly similar to pay at pump system for gasoline stations
        - b. Recent PUC ruling allows liberty utilities to allow EV station owners to re-sell their electricity without being designated as utilities
    - c. Ad-hoc Staff Group Updates
      - i. *Building Group* – Karen Rantamaki, DAS
        - 1. Met at glencliff for biomass plant and hydro tour and informal networking
        - 2. Holding informal networking at Pack Monadnock July 29<sup>th</sup> with tour of solar weather station and hiking, bring bag lunch will eat at top
      - ii. *Fleet Group* – Tara Merrifield, DAS
        - 1. Discussed insurance contracts at group meeting
      - iii. *Communications Group* – Karen Rantamaki, DAS
        - 1. Will be meeting one-one with energy coordinators in coming months
      - iv. State Agency Climate Change Working Group – Chris Skoglund, NHDES
        - 1. Aug 4 meeting- looking at how agencies can reduce GHG impact, build resiliency, extend reduction offerings to customers and public and how agencies can work together around broad issue of climate change- please let Chris S. know if you're interested in being involved.
- 5. Other Business
  - a. Next Meeting
    - i. October- NOT second Monday as that is Columbus day. Date to come.

## **TASKS for staff and committee members**

ASAP: Staff: Identify within work plan items which are dictated by a mandate, include link to RSA. Identify items which are dictated by the executive order and refer to the section and paragraph of the order. Identify what items in the timeline are mandated, which are flexible.

FOR NEXT MEETING: Staff: Bring suggestions for formal membership of SGEC as determined by the executive order and agency energy use figures. Ideal goal is membership of 10-15 members including alternates to ensure practicality of reaching a quorum.

BY WEDNESDAY JULY 20<sup>th</sup>: All Committee Members: provide feedback regarding the FY 2017 Executive Order Work Plan including:

- Suggestions of priorities, suggestions regarding timelines
- input on the designated leads and support agencies
- Input and feedback on “how” goals are proposing to be met and tasks are proposed to be completed. All of the work must be done, however there is flexibility in the how and when work occurs as well as opportunity to discuss responsibilities.
- input: what else does this make you think about? Are there issues, strategies not currently included?